

Chairman Michael Powell and other Commissioners you must stop plans to end critical safeguards designed to help ensure diversity of media ownership.

Under the FCC plans, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide.

FCC you must ensure there are public hearings across the country to discuss how such proposals will affect my community and the nation.

All of this is bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy. The media needs to be open to express a range of opinions, not controlled by and representative of just the wealthy editors.

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